



NEW TRAILHANDS (Photo by Tracie Gilstrap)

Caskey, Mahan-Trailhands

By Tracie Gilstrap

Cindy Caskey and Mike Mahan were named Mr. and Miss Trailhand of 1980 during the last home game held in the Snyder High Gymnasium.

Miss Caskey is a sophomore business major from Abilene, and Mahan is a sophomore petroleum engineering major from Midland. This is the second year that Mahan has been elected Mr. Trailhand.

Trailhands are elected each year in a contest sponsored by Psi Zeta Chapter of Phi Theta

Kappa and voted in by penny votes from the students.

Sheila Sandbothe, PTK president, introduced the nominees. Valerie Drum, last year's Miss Trailhand, and Scott Barrett presented the awards.

Other nominees for Miss Trailhand were: Julie Hawkins, Reba Knight, Sabra Murray, Donna Proctor, and Gina Willman. Mr. Trailhand nominees were: Billy Grady, Chris DeSautell, Kenneth Levens, J.D. Sheffield and Ricky Walker.

Toxic Gas Found On Campus

by Britt Fuqua

A container of highly toxic phosgene gas is being stored at the WTC science department.

Phosgene, also known as carbonyl chloride, causes severe lung damage if inhaled, sometimes resulting in death. The gas has a threshold level (the maximum that can be inhaled in eight hours without harm) of .1 part per million parts of air.

The container at the college holds 500 grams of phosgene dissolved in benzene in a 12.5% concentration. It has been stored at the college for at least two and a half years.

Dr. Shelby Hillis, head of the science department, said that the container has never been opened and that he has no intention of using the gas in the future. Dr. Hillis added that it is illegal for him to dispose of the gas.

Phosgene became notorious during World War I when it was used against troops prior to the development of mustard gas.

The gas is used commercially in the manufacture of dyes and pesticides. It is used in chemistry labs to help form polycarbonate resins.

First Student Finishes Out Residential Construction Course

March 6, Sammy Simmons became the first student to receive a certificate proving completion of all the requirements for the residential construction program here.

The program began in the spring of 1978 and Simmons started March 1, 1979. He helped build the first student duplex and was working on the second.

Simmons, a 1977 Snyder High School graduate, said he got interested in residential construction because he just likes to build things. He enjoyed the course and says it's a good way to get experience especially if someone is 18 and just getting out of high school.

He added that several older people have told him they wish they'd had the opportunity to

take a course like this one when they were younger.

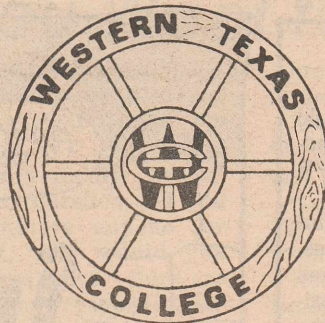
When Simmons first entered the program, Bill Hale was the instructor. Abel Garza took over the course in the fall of 1979.

Simmons said he would like to go to work for T. E. Shelburn or another construction company.

A certificate showing completion of the residential construction training program makes a person eligible to work as a carpenter or assistant to a foreman as a craftsman.

Students are taught all aspects of building, from laying the foundation to roofing. They also learn cabinet making and brick laying.

Other classes necessary for a student to fulfill requirements include industrial math, communications and management.



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Petition Issues Resolved

by Lois Gleason

The grievances listed in the petition (or letter of concern) circulated recently concerning cafeteria practices, have all been addressed and solutions worked out. Fred Salinas and Rena Reeves, authors of the petition, are satisfied with the results and feel the issue is over. However, heated reactions from the cafeteria staff and a few others still abound.

Results of the petition are: smoking and non-smoking areas have been established in the cafeteria; hair nets are worn; gloves are worn on the serving line; and cafeteria workers are not allowed to wear jewelry except for watches and wedding rings.

Dr. Duane Hood, dean of Student Services, was indignant because the students did not use the Student Senate or the food committee. Instead they presented petition copies to Dr. Robert Clinton, WTC president; Dr. Hood and George Gann, cafeteria manager.

"The foods committee is the forum set aside to deal with the problems of dormitory students and the cafeteria personnel, involving the food preparation or the food quality. That's the forum that should be used," Dr. Hood said.

Gann stated, "My door is always open. I have never ignored a student. I'm always willing to sit down with anybody."

But Chris DeSautell, chairman of the food committee, claimed that the committee was

powerless and said they they did go down and talk to Gann. "We sat down and talked with him and they copped out. They copped out on every problem the kids asked about."

He also explained that the "yes sir" attitude of other members, "Forced me to become stronger in my opinion, really getting pretty rude sometimes when I really didn't want to, simply because I had to take up the slack from the other food committee representatives."

One of DeSautell's complaints that he said he talked to Gann about, involved the frequency with which leftovers were served. On one occasion, the students were served fish in what DeSautell called "little bitty pieces."

"I asked him, 'Mr. Gann, when was that fish left over from?'"

"He said, 'It wasn't left over.'"

"I said, 'Yes sir, Mr. Gann, it was and you know it.'"

"He said, 'Well, it was left over from last Wednesday.'"

DeSautell added, "It's not right to serve food over and over and over."

Dr. Hood also said he has been told that some students signed only sheets of paper with nothing attached. But Reeves denied that ever happened. One administrator said he heard second or third hand that a few students said they didn't sign the petition and that their names were forged. However,

no names were given and no such students could be located. "There wasn't any whatsoever," Salinas argued.

Gann asserted that the women in the cafeteria, "Always wore hair nets, they just wore them on the back of their head."

However, Reeves and other students said that the only time nets were worn was at the beginning of each semester.

Hood complained that The Western Texan showed bias in reporting by not including an interview with Gann in the last issue and by listing all the complaints students told of and not just those listed in the petition. He also objected to the editorial comments in the WT Poll.

Dr. Clinton commented, "As far as the petition and the way it was presented, I think there were some good things on the petition I don't have any complaints about it at all. The petition was well worked out." But he felt that many students may just be tired of the food after eating in the cafeteria three meals a day for several months.

He did voice concern that the morale of the cafeteria workers may have been damaged.

Reeves shared that concern and said, "I'm not sorry (about the petition) except for the women taking it personally."

A new food committee is being organized with representatives from each dormitory floor. Buddy Foster, Residence Hall director, will be advisor for the new committee as with the old one.



Sammy Simmons, second from right, is presented a 'progress token' made by classmates, for being the first student to fulfill all requirements for the residential construction program. (Photo by Lois Gleason)

Editorially

What to Print?

We on the Western Texan staff have occasionally been told what and what not to print by a few faculty members and administrators who get a little mixed up and think the paper is a PR (public relations) sheet and not a student publication.

Fortunately, we have been able to disregard them and print what we feel we should. We catch a lot of flack sometimes, especially over the last issue, but we have never been threatened with our continued existence. In fact, Dr. Robert Clinton, president of the college, recently commented that he didn't like the last WT poll, but added, "I'm not objecting to it, if the students like to read these things and if the newspaper likes to print them. I don't see anything wrong with it, because it is a student newspaper."

But at Baylor University, the newspaper staff doesn't enjoy this kind of support for freedom of press. Three student editors were fired last week for writing an editorial in the *Lariat*, the student newspaper, that was critical of the university administration. The president had threatened to expel any Baylor female who posed for Playboy magazine.

The editors criticized the decree in print and were canned for it.

With that kind of censoring, I'm surprised the entire staff didn't quit. A paper run that way isn't worth having. Administrative hand-outs are predictable and offer no news from the student's side of the fence, which is one of the reasons behind any student publication.

Maybe the *Lariat* should now be called *Bulletins From the Office*.

—Lois Gleason

Editorially

Rude Manners

I am ashamed to say that we are a junior college. When the Texas Tech Choir came here to perform in the student center, they were heckled and howled at by the so-called college students.

The Texas Tech Choir was sponsored by the Fine Arts Department to come and perform during activities period. Knowing that it was a bad time to present their performance, they began anyway as scheduled.

Many of the students knew nothing about their arrival from lack of publicity around campus. Maybe if it had been publicized many of the students would not have stayed around to interrupt by playing games upstairs and sliding down the bannister. Also, the howling and laughing was rude.

I understand that the selection of some songs did not appeal to some students, but they could have paid some attention to them.

One of the Texas Tech singers approached me and asked, "MY GOSH! Is it always like this?"

—Tracie Gilstrap

Editorially

Crowds Support Team

Most editorials concern needed changes, but sometimes there are things inherently good that need to be stressed.

At the final game of the Regional Tournament in Midland Thursday night, I was walking past the crowd when I heard an ex-Western Texas College student comment on the support and the large number of WTC fans who turned out to watch the game. She said, "It is good to know that the public and the students are finally taking an interest in the team. Last year the stands were almost bare and community support was lacking."

The crowds have increased throughout the season, and the community has shown its support through advertising in the newspaper and radio spots, but most importantly in coming to the games. Student attendance has also increased. Spirit at the games has been much more enthusiastic.

It's about time that people start coming to the games. It's good to see that the Number 1 team in the nation also has the Number 1 fans to back them. Support is important for any team. Keep it going!

—Lynda Cain

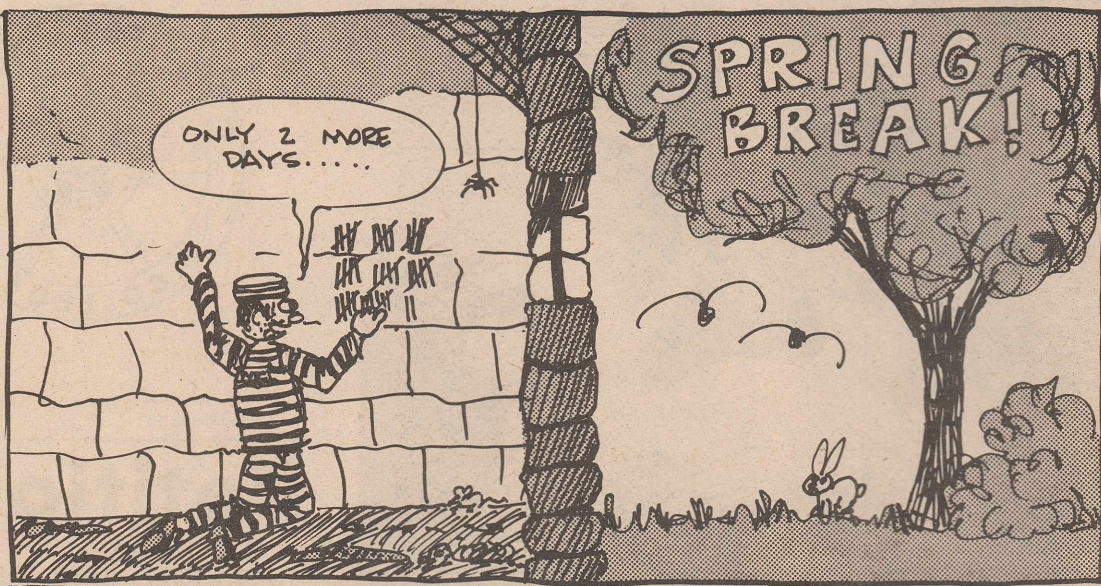
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Letters To The Editor

Dear Editor:

The edition of the Feb. 28 *Western Texan* disappointed me very much, especially articles pertaining to the school cafeteria. Even as a very amateur journalist, I know it's a newspaper's job to report both sides of any story objectively. The poll had to be the most biased article I've read in some time. The front page article, in the paragraph starting, "Some other charges the students made..." contained some charges that were not on the petition, plus did not represent the cafeteria in any way. This edition had to be a disappointment to people who have come to respect *The Western Texan* for its objective reporting, for it was clear-cut the cafeteria never had a chance to express its views.

Now for my personal opinion. Mr. Gann encouraged a food committee, to be made up of students on the board plan and cafeteria staff to give feedback and/or air gripes from either side. To my knowledge, this food committee has done very, very little. I can understand the reactions of George, when all of a sudden presented with a petition, when he had heard nothing from the food committee. From my personal knowledge of Mr. Gann, I believe he is the type person who would constructively listen, and any problems could have been worked out, without the upsetting petition.

I also believe Mr. Gann wants to work for the improvement of the food, and all aspects of the school cafe. This work would be extremely hampered without constructive feedback from the food committee. After all the work that went into a food committee and then it be inactive, I can understand if he gets discouraged and negatively motivated.

I challenge the workers of the school cafeteria, Mr. Gann and all of you who cut down the food with your mouth full to express your feelings. I personally think the food we are provided with is superior to other school cafeterias I have eaten at, but, as with any food preparing agency, there will always be a few meals that are exceptions.

The students and the cafeteria are provided with a medium to work together for better food

and service. We can either use it, or keep our mouths shut.

Thank you,
Ken Grimm

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Editor:

Isn't it funny how suddenly the cafeteria food took a drastic change for the worse? Or is it that griping about the food suddenly became in vogue? I wonder if we as a student body are not being too severe on George and the ladies that have had to listen to the past two weeks of thankless criticism.

To every issue there is two sides. One side of this issue has been well exposed — so I'll say nothing on that. On the other hand, though, I see that some recognition is due to the good things about our cafeteria. Sure, occasionally a dish is cold or greasy — but even my Mom "burns the cookies" once in a while. (And she's the World's Greatest Cook — in my eyes at least.)

As a general rule, though, the breakfast eggs are hot — and if you don't like them scrambled, Laverne will fry them for you. If you don't like the buttered toast, ask politely and I'll bet she'll toast a couple pieces while you wait. I wonder if you'd get treatment like that just everywhere? At lunch and supper we enjoy a variety of dishes, so if you don't care for something, have something else. I feel a bit more qualified to comment on the school's food than Jay Ainsworth (who has eaten one meal), having eaten almost three times a day for the past six months here. The food on my plate has been, for the most part, hot, appetizing and well prepared.

I think if we take a serious look at ourselves, we'll find that we've seen only one side of the food issue. Sure, it's not Mama's cooking (what do we expect, realizing that they are cooking for 75-250 people) but I think we have been overly harsh. George, ladies, we appreciate your efforts.

Linda Key
ext. 256

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Dear Ms. Gleason:

Thank you for the very nice Profile you wrote about me for the Feb. 28 edition of *The Western Texan*. The Profiles are always interesting and give readers of the Texan the opportunity to "get acquainted" with

others on campus.

Aline Parks
Publicity Director
Western Texas College

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Hello folks!! By now, you probably guessed that Jimmy Carter isn't no close friend of mine and that I am not a Baptist either. That's all beside the point, however. But I do wish to convey a few of my thoughts to you. Here goes....

Since little chumps in grade school, the U.S. began to program you. No joke?! Yea, believe it or not. Sure, you learned that one plus one equals two and of course, the life history of Dick and Jane. But don't you remember Mrs. dear old Wilson always telling you things such as, the President is always right or Americans should stand up and fight for what is right for the U.S. is right for everybody else.

Yes, but is the President always right? According to ex-President Ford, Nixon was, and why even Nixon himself said he was right.

And can only Americans stand up and fight for what they believe in? Seems that way. Iran tried it and all it got them was the Black Sheep of the World Award.

After all, what does a small and meager country like Iran think they have on one of the super powers of the world like the U.S.? But, what if they are right? Right?! You bet your lizard-skin boots, big boy!!

We never worried or heard about the "Iranian Crisis" until it involved us. Right?

It is commonly preached from many a Baptist pulpit that, "Greed is the root of all evil," and Jimmy Carter proved them most right! Of course, everyone is entitled to a few mistakes and a handful of sins after being reborn, but Jim, 'ole boy, you let it get out of hand, especially in Iran.

How and why? Well, folks, you just don't hold 50 Americans hostage for a hundred and some odd days just for the hell of it. I've come to the conclusion that the Iranians are putting some emphasis on what they are trying to tell us.



Western Texas College Vocational Nursing students who received their certificates February 29, 1980 are: Graduates pictured above (Front row) Diane Beard, RN, instructor, Deanie Blaine of Hobbs, Karen Owens and Kathy Reynolds of Snyder, Carol Watkins of Colorado City, and Winnie Poyner, RN, instructor. On the back row are Mildred Garrett of Hermleigh, Becky Ervin and Cynthia Adams of Snyder, Teresa Stansell of Fluvanna, and Orpha Dorman of Snyder. (WTC Photo)

WT Poll

You Want to Nominate Who?

by Louise Johnson
 With the Presidential nominations right around the corner, the WT Poll asked students and faculty around campus this question, "If you could nominate anyone for President, who would you nominate and why?" Here are some of the responses we received:

Sylvia Sanchez, Hermleigh, "Burt Reynolds, because he's good-looking."

Jamie Patterson, Richardson, "Charlie Waters, because he is a strong man."

Bill Butler, Sweetwater, "Jimmy Carter, because he thinks more of the hostages and he's committing a military threat toward other countries."

Arthur Castro, Sweetwater, "Paul Harvey, because he knows what he's talking about."

Shelley Williams, Jayton,

"Jimmy Carter. Just keep him in there."

Alvin Ollison, Snyder, "Jimmy Carter, because he's the one that got us in this mess."

Karen Rasco, Robert Lee, "My dad, so I can play in Amy's treehouse."

Rod Whitfill, Roby, "Foster Brooks (comedian) 'cause he's my kind'a guy."

Dwain Vantress, New Orleans, "Myself, because I feel I could do a better job at helping the country financially. The country needs strong leadership and I think I could provide that leadership."

Cathy Valdez, Kermit, "Eric Estrada, because he's a good-looking Mexican."

Keith Denis, Gardena, California, "A person with these qualifications should be the president: truthfulness with the public, strong politically, well-

rounded, well-minded person with the ability to lead a nation through its hardest times."

Terri McClain, Snyder, "Billy Dee Williams, because they need a black man in office and we may as well have the best looking one."

Luis Rios, Colorado City, "Jane Fonda. Because the lady definitely believes in decisive action. She's not a coward like Kennedy and a wishy-washy person like Carter."

Hector Pineda, Colorado City, "Richard Nixon, if I knew he could be trusted. He had a good foreign policy and if he doesn't get power-hungry like before."

Julie Hawkins, Aspermont, "Paul Harvey, because he has his head on straight."

Vanessa Smith, Colorado City, "Jimmy Carter, because he's been in office so long he may as well stay."

So according to the WT Poll, Carter can look forward to another four years and Paul Harvey could serve as a wonderful vice president. Let's just wait and see if this poll is as accurate as the Harris poll!

Hood Named to PTK Advisory Board

Dr. Mary Hood, Phi Theta Kappa sponsor, was elected secretary of the PTK Texas State Sponsors' Advisory Board at the state Phi Theta Kappa convention in Austin, Feb. 16.

Other officers of the board are Nancy Partlow of Wharton County Junior College, chairman and Ralph DeBoard of Henderson County Junior College, vice chairman. The officers advance in position each year so that Dr. Hood will be in line for the chairman's office in two years.

Phi Theta Kappa is a nationally recognized honor fraternity for students in junior and community colleges. There are 63 chapters in Texas including WTC's Psi Zeta chapter, and there are over 550 chapters across the nation.

Many alumni chapters are also being formed in four-year colleges and universities and in

many communities so that students can continue their participation in PTK even after they leave the junior college.

Part of the responsibility of the State Advisory Board is to work with the state advisor, Clifford Wood of Grayson County College, in planning the annual state convention. Each district has a yearly convention.

WTC hosted last fall's District IV meeting and New Mexico Junior College was named the site for the 1980 district meet.

The 62nd national convention for Phi Theta Kappa is scheduled March 19-23 in Washington, D.C. at the Capital Hilton. Dr. Mary Hood and Dr. Duane Hood, sponsors, will accompany 11 students to D.C.

WT Staffers 'Plan' Break

by Lynda Cain

It is time once again for the long awaited Spring Break. From March 17-22 students can break away from a week of studies to do whatever they want. Here is how some of the newspaper staff plan to spend their Spring Break.

"Stay in 'boring' Snyder and hibernate," replied Tracie Gilstrap, Snyder freshman.

Louise Johnson, Aspermont sophomore, "Visiting with family in Aspermont. Catch up on all the partying that I have missed."

Mark Anderle, Hobbs sophomore, stated, "Stay at home and do my research paper and move to a new apartment."

"Going to Nationals in Kansas!" said Mark Rutherford, Passaic, New Jersey sophomore.

J.D. Helm, an Abilene freshman, said, "Paint my house to repay my folks."


"Just work," exclaimed Lisa Anderson, Colorado City sophomore.

Gerald Colbert, Colorado City sophomore, said, "To Nationals to cover the tournaments."

Lois Gleason, a San Bernardino, California sophomore, "Catch up on my family."

As for me, I am on my way to Kansas to cheer the Westerners on as they win Nationals!

Dorms will re-open Sunday March 23 at 2:00 p.m. Classes will resume Monday morning, March 24. Night classes will also begin Monday night.

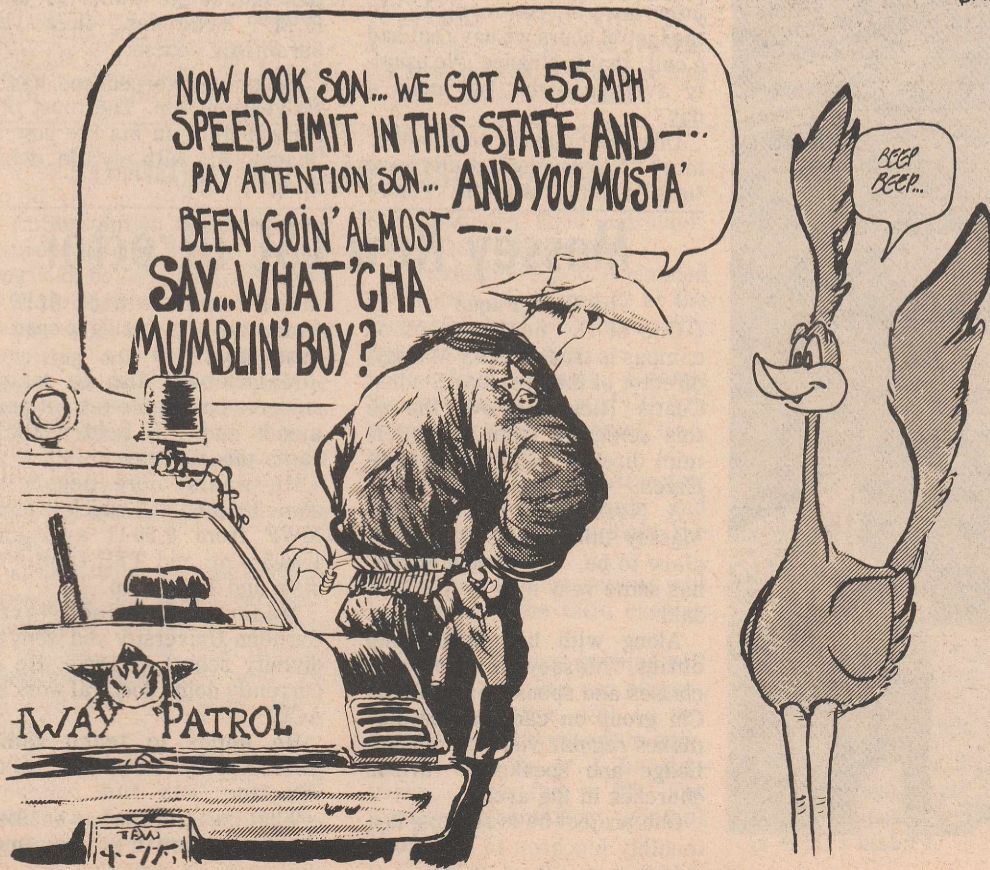


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Gibson to Exhibit

John Gibson, art instructor, has been accepted to display one of his paintings in this spring's Marietta, Ohio National College painting and sculpture exhibit. Gibson will be exhibiting a large oil painting, one he showed in the recent faculty art show here.

This year's show will be 20 per cent larger than last year's show, announced Arthur Howard Winer, director of the juried competition.

"This year's show will be new and fresh," said Winer. Ninety-three works by 81 artists have been selected for the show which opens April 5. The show will be strong, particularly in paintings, with 75 out of 1608 entries selected. Eighteen sculptures have been chosen out of 476 entries. The number of entries submitted is comparable with those of the 1979 show. However, this year the judges found more pieces to be "noteworthy."

Entries came from 49 states, including the District of Columbia, and for the first time there were submissions from both North and South Dakota. However, there were no entries from Puerto Rico for this year's show.

The show begins April 5 and will remain open through May 11.



Barry Womack (left) plays victim as instructor C.L. Meeks demonstrates to the class. (photo by Lois Gleason)

*** NEWS BRIEFS ***

A toga party sponsored by Psi Zeta chapter of Phi Theta Kappa is set for Tuesday, April 8 from 9 p.m. to midnight, in the cafeteria. Music will be provided by "Midnight Express," the disco group that plays at 'Wild Country.'

Admission will be \$1.50 for those dressed in togas and \$2 for those wearing street clothes. Free punch will be provided.

Prizes will be awarded for unique and creative costumes.

Two \$800 scholarships will be awarded Petroleum Technology students at Western Texas College for the 1980-81 school year, Randy Mosley, assistant professor of Engineering Technology, has announced.

Students interested in the

scholarships should make application by May 1. The scholarships will be awarded on the basis of need and ability. Money for the scholarships was made available by the King Foundation.

Information about the scholarships may be obtained from Mosley or Glenn Davis, Financial Aids officer at WTC.

The Trailblazer, WTC's yearbook, is scheduled to go on sale Monday, March 31, through April 11. The price is \$9 and the staff plans to offer personalized stamping at \$1 per book. A table will be set up in the Student Center or students can contact a member of the annual staff to purchase a yearbook.

Mandy Tubb beat out 30 other contestants to capture first place in break-away roping at the Sul Ross Rodeo March 1. Tubb posted times of 4.8 and 5.1 seconds in the event.

Odessa native, James Zant, also took a first in the long go round of calf roping with a 9.5 time.

Others who did well at the Ft. Stockton meet include Jan Holley, who made the finals in the barrel race and Scott Davis, who made the finals of the bareback riding event.

The rodeo team will head for Las Cruces, N.M. March 28 for the NMJC Rodeo.

Tickets for the WTC Rodeo will go on sale April 1. The rodeo is scheduled for April 24-26.



RICKEY MASSEY, CSC DIRECTOR

Student Profile

Ambulance Driver Likes Job

by Lynda Cain

A man collapsed in someone's yard. The ambulance took him in. The ambulance driver went back to find a bottle the man said he had drank from. Barry and the sheriff searched the place for it. They found a bottle but were uncertain about the contents, so they called the hospital to check. The man confirmed that he had consumed a bottle of "Coppertone Suntan Lotion." This call and a wide variety of others are what Barry Womack faces every day as an ambulance driver.

He is pleasant and easy-going, yet his life has been full of different occupations and directions.

During his high school years he was a "hell raiser." He skipped school a lot. He did not finish but later got his G.E.D. "At first, I didn't really feel I needed it 'til I got out and worked," he said.

Soon after high school he joined the Air Force. He was stationed in Wichita, Kansas and worked as a missile maintenance technician six stories underground on Titan II missiles.

Why did he join? "Just a wild fling, I guess. I was married, my wife was pregnant and I had to support them. I had lived in Snyder all my life and I wanted to get away for awhile."

After leaving the Air Force, Barry returned to Snyder. He started to school this semester and answered an ad in the paper for part-time help at Palmer EMS. He liked it so well that he is now a full-time driver.

Being a full-time driver does interrupt his classes some. He wears a beeper to class and drives an ambulance to school. He likes this type of work and wants to become a paramedic. Along with the duties of his job, he takes transfer patients to other hospitals.

Sometimes work is slow and calls are few. At the time of this interview, he commented, "In the last 36 hours we have not had a call; that is strange. We usually average about two calls a day."

Does ambulance work bother him? "No, you don't really have time to think about it. You're

too busy." When a man shot himself in the head and was bleeding badly, "At the time I didn't think about it."

One of the good things about it is, "Your odds of getting them to the hospital and saving them are better than of them dying." He has not had any patients to die while transporting them to the hospital, but some died after they were admitted.

A lady's friend called the ambulance for her. When they got to her they could not get a blood pressure reading on her, but she wouldn't let them take her to the hospital (legally, she has that right), so they waited around and told her husband she needed to go. "He called us the next day and about 30 minutes after we got her to the hospital, she died." These things happen and "you get emotionally involved in your work, but the bad things you just sort of throw off."

One of the hardest parts of his job is having to pick up heavy patients in stretchers and carry them — keeping the stretchers straight.

One of the worst accidents he has seen was when a policeman, in pursuit, hit a lady in a pickup. She made a U-turn in front of him. "The lady was all twisted around and we had to straighten her out and put her on a spine board."

Barry wants to continue this type of work. "I would like to do rescue work in Colorado." He likes Colorado because of the mountains and snow skiing, "the kind of stuff that I like." Before he goes, though, he wants some experience and scuba certification. For the past three summers, he has scuba dived. He also enjoys dirt biking.

Barry is just a driver now, but he is taking the E.C.A. (Emergency Care Attendant) course at the hospital through T.S.T.I. (Texas State Technical Institute). After he completes this course he wants to take E.M.T. courses, then the paramedic course.

Barry is divorced and has a six-year-old son. The most important thing in his life now is "having fun with my life, doing things I enjoy."

Massey New CSC Director

by Britt Fuqua

One of the newest faces on campus is that of Ricky Massey, director of the Christian Student Center. Ricky took over the job this semester from the interim director, State Rep. Mike Ezzell.

A North Carolina native, Massey thinks WTC is a great place to be. "I've found Snyder has some very nice people," he said.

Along with his directorship duties, Massey teaches two classes and sponsors the Kappa Chi group on campus. He also makes regular visits to Leisure Lodge and speaks at various churches in the area.

One project he is starting is a monthly luncheon to honor outstanding people at WTC. Next

month's lunch will be April 8 from 12 to 1:15 p.m. It is open to everyone.

Massey will also be taking students on a Bible retreat next month and will hold a Bible camp this summer.

He wants more people to come by the CSC, which is open MWF from 8:30-11 a.m. and 1:30-5 p.m. and TTH from 9-12 noon and 1:30-5 p.m.

Massey attended North Carolina University and went to divinity school at Duke. He is currently doing doctoral work at ACU.

He hopes to teach some philosophy courses next semester.

What free time he has he likes to spend hunting, reading, swimming or jogging.

'See How They Run' Interesting Entertainment

by Sheila Sandbothe

WTC's recent production of "See How They Run" proved to be a night of interesting entertainment for those who saw the performance.

The nine-member cast created a splendid theater presentation. The English farce was done in three acts that took place in the hall at the vicarage in Middlewick, England.

Donna Browning, a drama scholarship recipient from Snyder, again outdid herself as she did in "Marigolds," with a fine performance as Ida, the lovable, helpful domestic maid.

Rob Clark played the part of the very distressed vicar, Lionel Toop. Clark, a graduate from Mineral Wells, displayed fine talent in his WTC debut.

Penelope Toop, the American wife of the vicar and a former model, was portrayed by Toni Watkins Disko, a drama scholarship recipient from Keller. Disko's facial expressions and emotional state kept the audience well-tuned and on the edge of their seats.

Mark White, another scholarship recipient from Midland, did an outstanding job in the role of the handsome

Corp. Clive Winton, a long-time friend of Penelope.

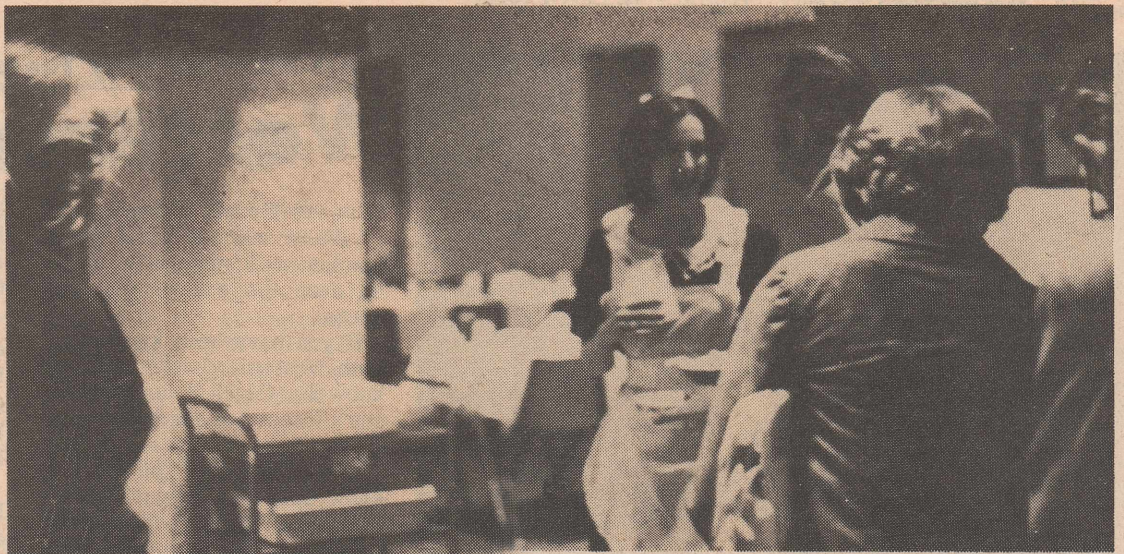
Miss Skillon, who had her eyes on the vicar, was portrayed by Doni Douglas from Colorado City. Her performance provided many laughs with her pert and prudish jealousy of the pretty Penelope.

Darrell Hayes turned out an excellent performance for his last appearance on the WTC stage. Hayes played the perplexed vicar Arthur Humphrey who innocently walked into a state of great confusion.

The Bishop of Lax was played by John Hopkins, a familiar face on WTC's stage after three performances last year. Hopkins did a splendid job.

Other fine roles were turned out from Seth Cox, an El Paso native making his debut at WTC as the Russian Intruder. His feigned accent was well done. Bill Martin, a former WTC drama student who has since attended Southwest Texas State University, returned for the role of the zany Sergeant Towers.

Congratulations to director James Rambo on a fine dinner theater production and to the crew who provided a beautiful set.



Writing Workshop

A creative writing workshop will be held March 29 in the Student Center beginning at 9 a.m. Etta Lynch, a Lubbock area writer, is the instructor. Her experiences range from three published non-fiction books to movie screen plays.

The morning classes will consist of fiction and fiction techniques and will be run accordingly starting at 9 with "What is a Story?" followed at 9:30 by "Plotting a Story." These classes will discuss differences in story and incident.

Classes from 10:50 to noon will be instruction in the mechanics of writing. These include Theme, Viewpoint, Characterization and Scenes.

Afternoon instruction includes details of writing such as Action and Reaction, Discovery and Reversal, Narrative Hooking, and Flashback, Tone, Fact-Feeling, Background and Setting.

A \$12.50 registration fee may be paid in advance to the Snyder Writer's Guild, c/o Mrs. Ray Burk, 2302 40th St., Snyder, TX 79549 or may be paid upon arrival.

The workshop is sponsored by the Guild and WTC's Division of Communication and Letters.

Board Elections To Be April 5

WTC Board elections will be held Saturday, April 5. Filing has closed and there are three incumbents running unopposed, two for completion of terms and one for full term.

Wacil McNair, editor of the Snyder Daily News, is running for completion of the term formerly held by George Patterson, who has moved. Patterson held the office for four years.

Howard Sterling, an Ira community farmer, has been appointed to complete the term vacated upon the death of Bentley Baize, who served for approximately two years.

Dr. Robert Hargrove, a local dentist who has in the past served as president of the Board, will be running for a full six-year term. Hargrove is one of the original board members elected in November 1969.

According to Dr. Robert Clinton, president, there has never been an opposed board election in WTC's history.

Shaw Opposes Property Tax Break

Larry Shaw, Democratic candidate for State Representative District 63, has announced his opposition to the Property Tax break given to the large corporations during the last legislative session. "I supported the Constitutional Amendment allowing family farmers to pay property taxes based on productive value of their land. That act was intended to save the family farm, but by the time the legislature and lobby got through, the farmer and taxpayer was forgotten," Shaw said.

Shaw, a Howard County farmer and cattleman, decided to enter the race after studying the incumbent's voting record. "Mr. Ezzell voted to give the biggest tax break in Texas history to the Real Estate

Speculators and Timber Corporations.

Shaw, who is making his first race for public office, says his campaign is coming along very well. "I believe that when the record of corruption and special interest domination in the last legislative session is fully exposed, the people will support a candidate who is independent of the lobby."

Shaw also stressed the importance of both candidates keeping a cool head during the campaign. "The people should know that my statements are in no way a personal attack at Mr. Ezzell, or any lobbyist. I simply feel our priorities are backwards. It is imperative that we first deal with matters that concern the folks at home.

Stimulation Symposium Set

A Stimulation Symposium is scheduled to be held on campus April 28-29 and May 5-6 from 6:30-10:30 p.m.

The course, which covers acidizing and fracturing techniques, is put together by the Society of Petroleum Engineers out of Dallas and John Gidley, with Exxon from Houston. Shell Oil Company and the University also contributed to the program.

Topics to be covered include chemistry of acid reactions, carbonate acidizing, matrix acidizing, acid fracturing, sandstone acidizing, acid additives and hydraulic fracturing.

There will be a \$25 fee for the course, but students are welcome for \$5. Anyone interested is urged to contact

Randy Mosley, EMT instructor, in the Oc-Tech building.

A production school is planned for April 1, 8, 15 and 22 at the Wallace School in Colorado City from 6:30-10:30 p.m.

The first evening, George Stewart with C.E. NAPCO will present a course on vessel, tractor and tank batteries.

Mike Otto, biology instructor, will present chemicals and chemistry of the oil field the second evening.

Triplex pump operations will be presented the third evening by ARMCO.

Topic for the last evening will be pump jacks and rod pumps.

Pre-registration will be required for this symposium only, and mail-outs will be distributed. The fee is \$25. For further information, contact Mosley.

DRIVELINE

Believe It Or Not! In Tennessee it is illegal to drive a car while asleep . . . In Lille, France, it is against the law to carry a certain kind of cheese into a taxicab. The English translation of the cheese's name, "The Old Stinker," explains why!

PERPLEXED ABOUT BRIDGES. "What is the law in Texas about passing on a bridge that has two way traffic?" —S.C., Vernon

It is illegal to pass when you are approaching a bridge and are within 100 feet of it. However, once you are on the bridge you can pass, provided there is no double stripe down the middle of the road.

Maybe we could replace gasoline with jackrabbits on treadmills. Our old West Texas buddy (Actually dubbed the *Lepus californicus* by scientists) can accelerate from zero to 40 mph in three seconds. Economical to operate, too . . .

BUMPER STICKER OF THE WEEK: *Don't Hit Me, My Lawyer's In Jail!*

BELIEVE IT OR NOT! Police in Lebanon have asked camel herders to use fluorescent paint on their camels' humps in order to reduce the number of car versus camel accidents at night . . . Now if Americans could just persuade kids to paint themselves orange before riding bikes . . .

Consumer Tip! The Texas heat puts a lot of strain on any mechanical system. Here's a quick, easy maintenance check to help you protect your car this summer. Just clean the radiator. Radiators have a knack for collecting mashed bugs, twigs, leaves and other road junk in between their metal fins. This reduces cooling efficiency and can cause your car to run hot, maybe even overheat. It just takes a minute to wash the gunk out with a water hose. The best way is to shoot the water from the *inside* of the engine compartment *toward* the front. If you try to wash it from the *outside* in, you may just wedge the debris further into the radiator fins.

Oh yes, if you're the messy type who sprays water everywhere, you should take the precaution of wrapping the distributor in plastic first.

ANCIENT HISTORY DEPARTMENT: Approximately twenty thousand steam powered automobiles were actually sold between 1880 and 1970. The Stanley brothers, makers of the famed Stanley Steamer, accounted for about half of those sales.

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Start National Play Tuesday

Westerners Win Regional,

by Gerald Colbert

"We're number one! We're number one!" the crowd chanted near the end of the title game.

If you have been keeping up with Westerner basketball, you know that Coach Nolan Richardson's forces are currently ranked no. 1 in the nation among junior colleges. You'll even know that they support an unbelievable 33-0 record. This means that it is no surprise that they are headed for Hutchinson, Kansas, March 18 for the NJCAA National Tournament.

They got there by trouncing Amarillo College, 121-92, March 4. AC bested Hill County College in the first round of the Region V Tournament in Midland's Chaparral Center. Cooke County also bowed to the Westerners,

83-68, March 5, leaving but Midland to suffer the final blow of a WTC flurry, 101-80, March 6.

The "Green Machine" was definitely fired up throughout the tournament as they posted a game scoring average of 101.6 points. They allowed only 80 points per contest.

Against Amarillo's Badgers, Phil Spradling hit the hoop almost at will, scoring 24 points to pace the Westerner troops.

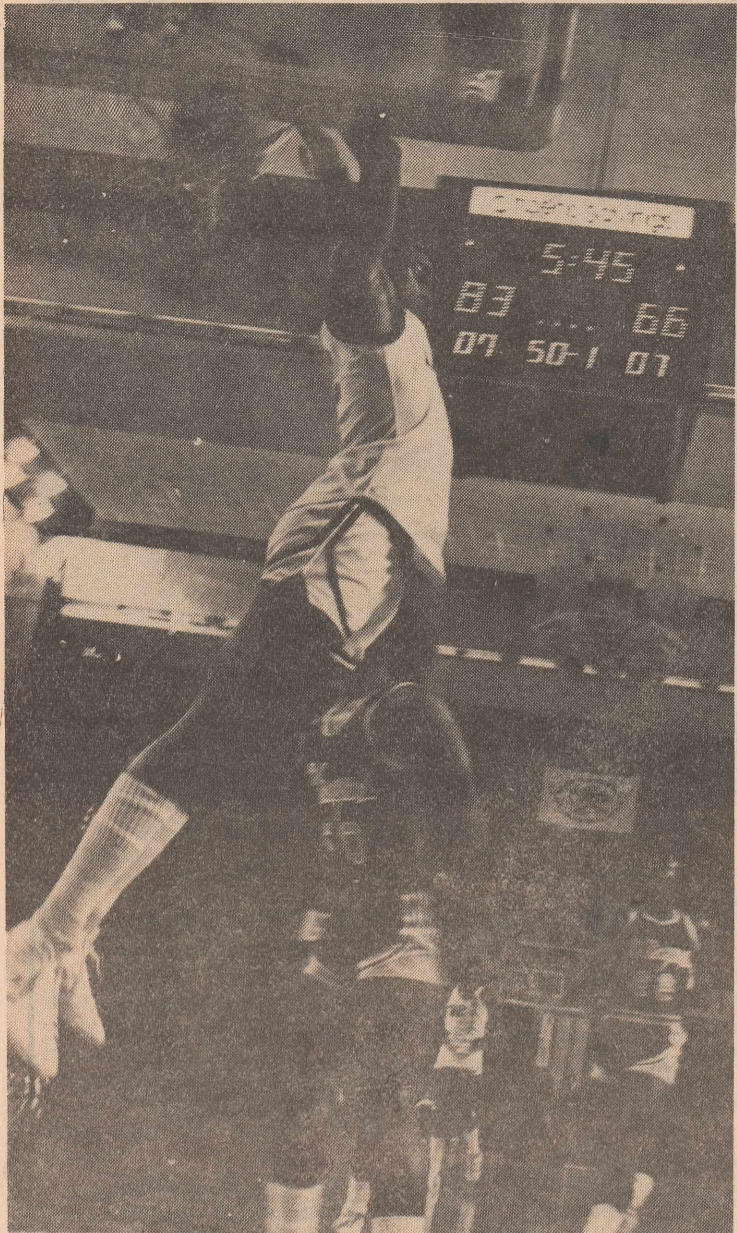
Although the game was supposed to be close, the outcome was never really in question. Victor Mitchell, Amarillo's 6-10 245-lb. center, who WTC held to only 15 points earlier in the year, scored 42 points to lead all scorers. Mitchell broke the scoring record at the tourna-

ment by dropping 55 points through the hoop against Hill.

WTC quickly let Amarillo know that they were the major force to be reckoned with as they tallied 73 points in the first half, against AC's 35. A dozen Westerners scored points with six in double figures, including Spradling, Freddie Davis with 16, David Brown had 14, Bill Patterson 13, Paul Pressey 12 and Greg Stewart 10. Besides Mitchell's 42 points, other leading Badger scorers were Raymond Horten with 12 and Kevin Parker with 11.

WTC then handled Cooke County in a much closer game in which Stewart led all scorers with 19 points.

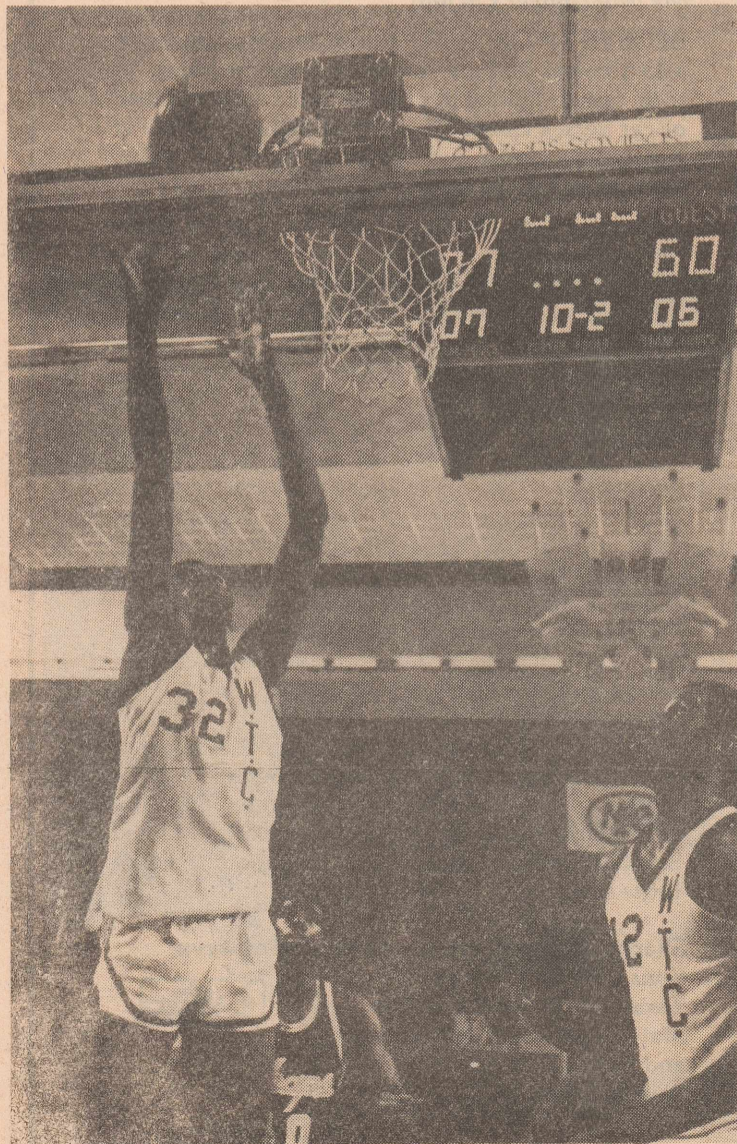
After an eight-point urge by WTC midway through the first



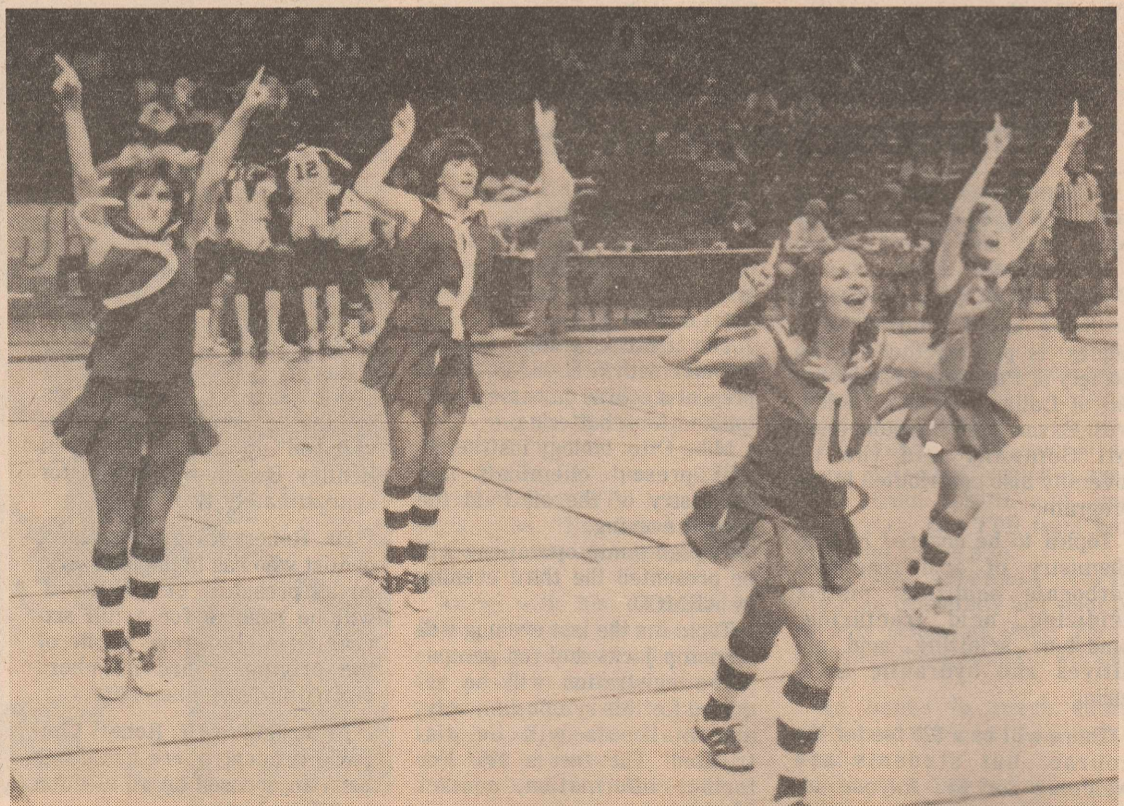
EASY DOES IT — Greg Stewart puts one in for two against the Midland Chaps.



GO GREEN MACHINE — Fans "ring out" their support.



TWO POINTS — Paul Pressey adds two more with the "greatest of ease."



WE'RE NO. 1 — WTC cheerleaders say it all!

Defeat Midland for Title

half, the Westerners never trailed. WTC went on to take a 42-29 halftime lead.

Other WTC scorers included Ronald Portee and Spradling with 11 points apiece. Pressey notched 10, Franklin Bennett and Davis scored 9 and 8 points, respectively.

Ronnie Clark led Cooke with 15 points while three other Cooke players added 10 apiece.

In the championship game, WTC faced the Midland Chaparrals for the fourth time this season and made minced meat of the fine MC team. Stewart and Patterson bombed the nets for 30 and 25 points, respectively, over half the squad's total output. Spradling and Pressey also scored in double digits with 18 and 11 each.

For the second year in a row, Pressey was named MVP of the tournament. He had 9 rebounds, 7 steals and 4 assists.

This victory gave WTC their fourth consecutive trip to the national tournament. After taking only a 9-point lead at halftime, the Westerners traded two-pointers until Spradling set the "Machine" on fire.

The Westerners, who maintained their no. 1 ranking after the tournament, came up with some super statistics during the tournament. They took the ball from their opponents on 50 occasions, and averaged 18 assists per event.

Stewart was high-point man for the tournament with 59 points, while Spradling had 53. Patterson garnered 42, Pressey

33, Brown 27, Bennett 24 and Portee 20.

Besides being high-point men, Stewart and Spradling were also selected to the all-tournament team, along with MVP Pressey. Robert Tate, Charles Johnson and Chucky McGill made the team for Midland.

Others were Charles Jones of McLennan Community College, John Savoie of Odessa, Ben Bijoe of Frank Phillips College, Victor Mitchell of Amarillo, Rod Parker of Ranger and Dennis Mays of Cooke County.

According to the latest information, WTC will play the first-round game Tuesday at 9:30 p.m., reportedly against Northern Idaho College. If they win, the second game will be Thursday, also at 9:30 p.m.

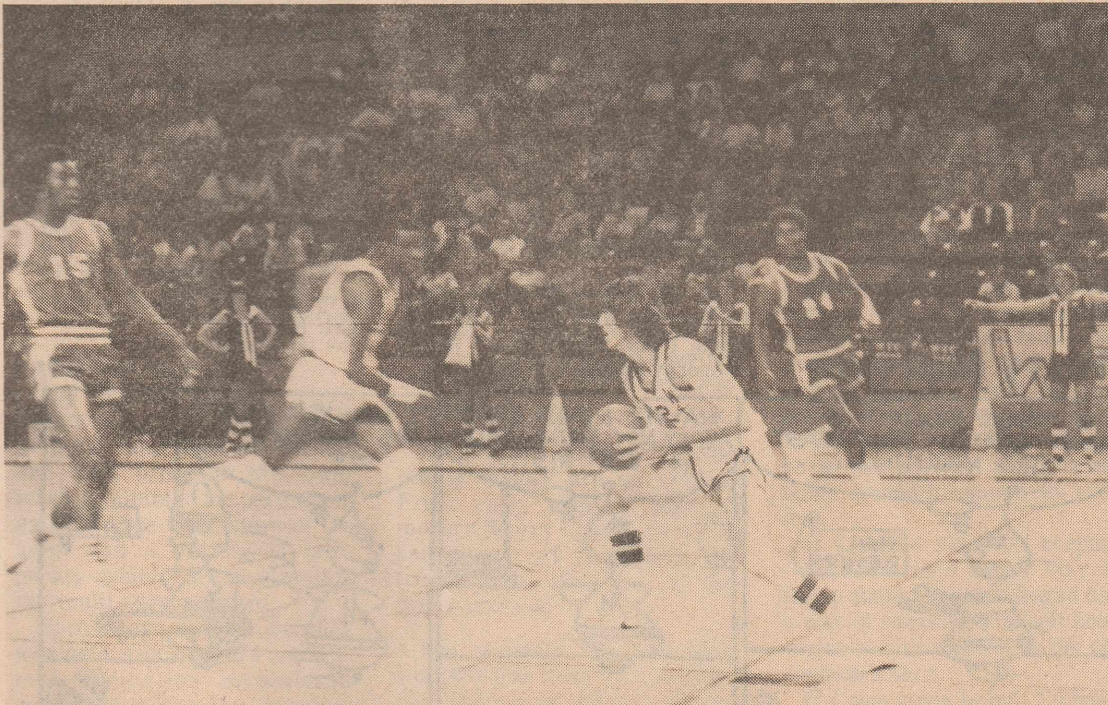
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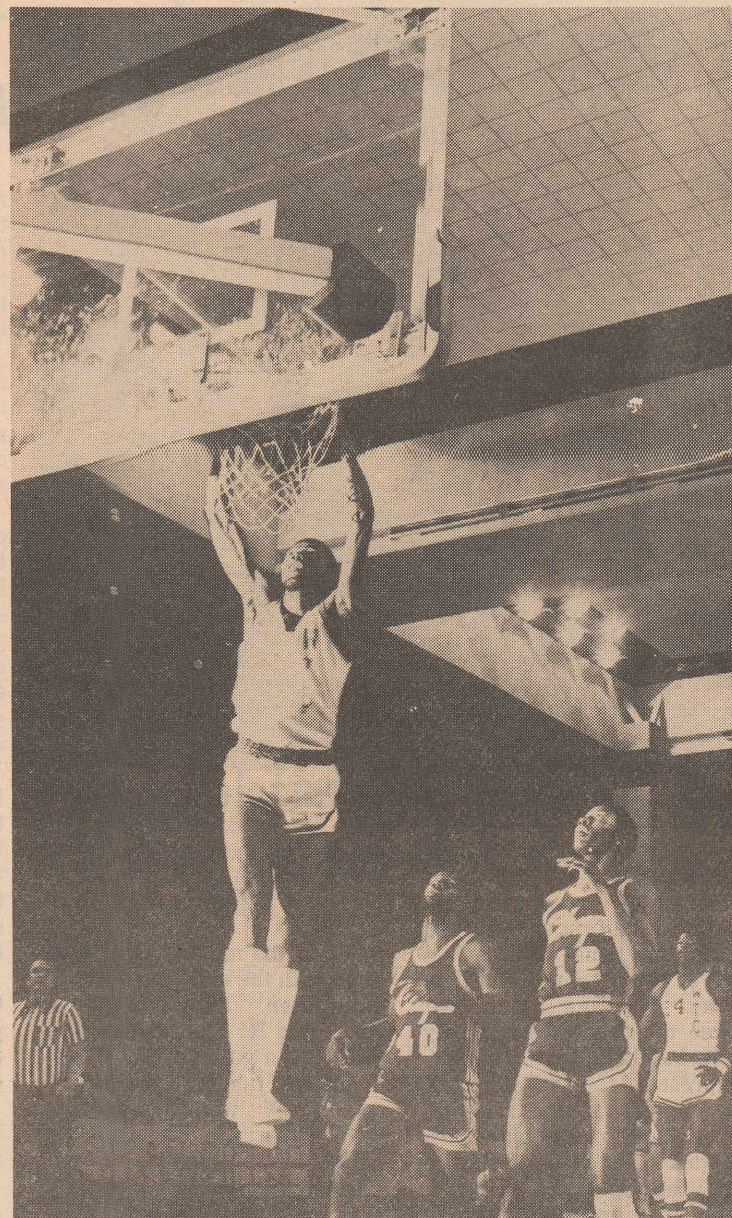
SLAM! — Bill Patterson



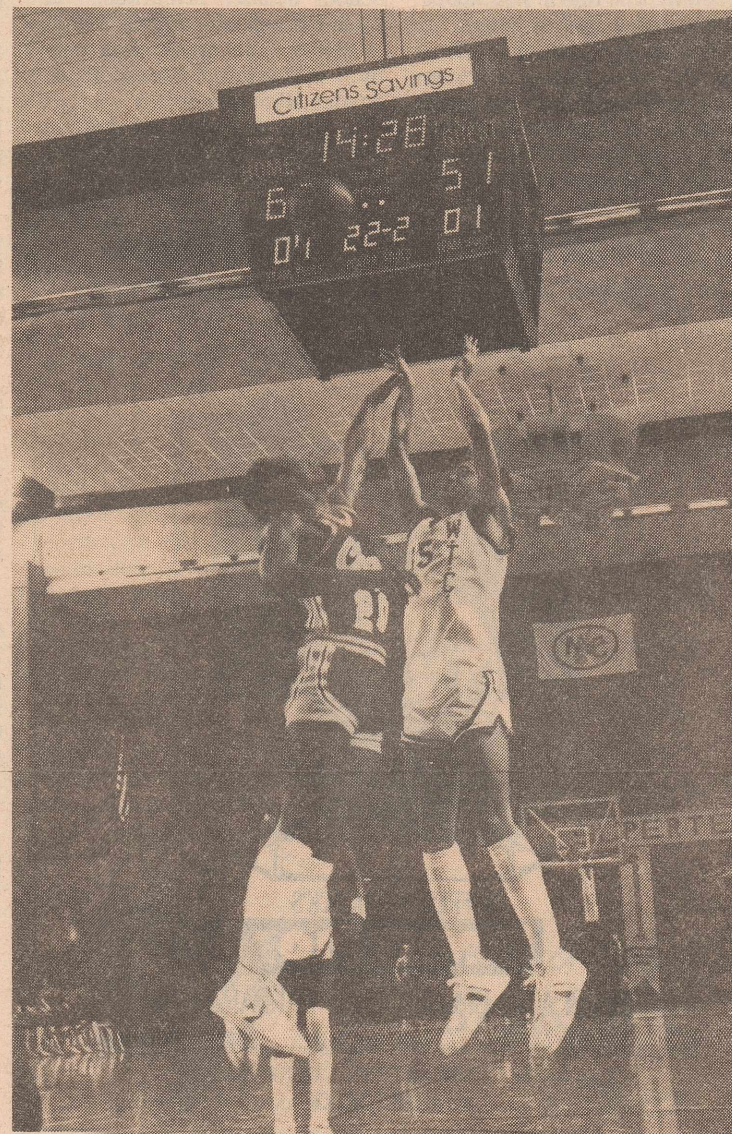
HALFTIME — Coach Nolan Richardson figures second half strategies.



MOVING IN — Phil Spradling, #22, drives on Cooke County.



EASY! — Paul Pressey glides in for an easy lay-up against the Chaps.



UP AND OVER — #15 Franklin Bennett puts one over the top in championship game.



Review

'Bottoms Up' Tasteless

by Lynda Cain

"Bottoms Up" — not your typical movie — played to a sell-out crowd the first showing and larger than usual crowds last week at the Cinema I and II in Snyder. The age group that viewed the movie were mainly young, but there were older people present, too, according to the workers at the Cinema. Maybe 30-50, mainly older people, walked out during the entire run of the movie.

The foreign-made picture lacked in many areas. The music was vulgar and the language was tasteless. Voices were not synchronized with lips and English language had been dubbed in. The movie was about an hour and a half in length.

Surprisingly enough, "Bottoms Up" does have a story to it. A professor invents gas from the waste of cows and puts the formula on microfilm. There are two detectives trying to get

the microfilm away. They finally acquire the substance and at the end of the movie, it blows up on them.

Sex in the movie has nothing to do with the story but appears quite often. "I can't believe it was rated R! The sex and plot didn't even go together. It was dumb but funny," commented some WTC women attending who wanted to remain nameless.

Other comments were like that of John Smiley, WTC freshman, who said, "It was a change of pace. The last show I saw was about a queer killer, 'Cruising'."

Tony Degrade, Snyder High School senior, remarked, "It wasn't much of a movie."

"Sorry; the music was corny," exclaimed Steve Tate, Snyder High senior.

If you didn't view the movie, you saved three dollars and you didn't waste your time.

Teenage Pregnancies an Epidemic, Education and Special Problems

by Lisa Anderson

(Note: This is the first part of a three-part series. This series deals with teenage pregnancy in relationship to medical, education, social, economic and moral problems.)

Changing cultural patterns are a direct influence in the responsibility of teenage sexual activity. Young people today often receive mixed information about sex from society.

For example: today's society disapproves of pre-marital sex for teenagers. At the same time, however, media often exploits sexual activity for entertainment and advertising. In some cases actors and actresses utilize the pleasurable aspects of sex rather than its procreative results.

For many teenagers the learning of sex is often related to the thought of "Make sure it's love before doin' it." And so many times teenagers are sure it's love until the girl becomes pregnant or the guy gets bored and takes a hike.

The United States has one of the highest rates of teenage pregnancy. In fact, teenage pregnancy has reached epidemic proportions.

Out of 21 million teenagers, 11 million are practicing pre-marital sex.

Teenagers (ages 13 to 19 and some pre-teens, age 12) need and want to be more

knowledgeable about human sexuality.

Sexual ignorance in teenagers should be carefully and respectfully approached in the family. One million teenage pregnancies occurred last year because of lack of information. Many aspects of teenage pregnancy will be reviewed in this three-part series. Among these, medical, educational, social, economic and moral problems, will be reviewed.

Medical

Teenage pregnancies are classified as "High Risk" especially for those under 17. Many teenagers wait too long before accepting prenatal care. This often happens when the girl denies to herself she's pregnant. The problem of pregnancy is now more intensified because after admitting she's pregnant she then has to deal with the physical and emotional aspects she's denied herself.

A physician in Snyder said there is no unique age or social class of girls who become pregnant today. He said younger girls have more complications during pregnancy. Among these are hypertension, anemia, hemorrhage, toxemia and premature labor. Another possibility is that the girl may not have a fully developed hormone system, or a fully

developed pelvic structure to accommodate a pregnancy.

Many babies born to mothers under age 17 are low weight. Factors which contribute to this are the lack of prenatal care and possible biological immaturity of the mother.

Problems such as these can be eliminated by enrolling in a home for unwed mothers. These institutions help prepare the young mother for the time during and after pregnancy.

*Note: Even when a young mother has successfully delivered her child, her problems are not yet over.

Education

On a college level most girls tend to seek counseling in relationship to their pregnancy. From a counselor's point of view, Jerry Baird says the student has to make a decision for herself about what is right.

A girl has several alternatives to consider. Among these are: marriage, not getting married, enrolling in a home for young pregnant women, adoption (giving the baby up) or termination.

Teenage pregnancy is more acceptable in the system of education because society has made sexuality a way of free expression. Peer pressure is no longer considered a burden, so if a pregnant girl wishes to complete her education, she is allowed to without much condemnation.

Billboard's Top Hits

The following are Billboard's hot record hits for this week:

HOT SINGLES

1. "Crazy Little Thing Called Love," Queen, Elektra
2. "Longer," Dan Fogelberg, Full Moon-Epic

Swine Team Wins Third

WTC's swine judging team won third place in the National Southwestern Hampshire Conference Judging contest held in Sweetwater recently.

WTC accumulated 666 points, just four points under first place Lubbock Christian College.

Kraig Kupatt, sophomore from Rule, was fifth high individual with 226. Robby Hogan, freshman from Crosbyton, was sixth with 223 points.

Members of the team were Jeff Lowrie, Crosbyton freshman, and Steve Hildebrand, Sweetwater freshman. Alternates are Hal Ely, Sylvester sophomore, and Gary Hickox, Lawton, Okla. freshman.

3. "Another Brick In The Wall," Pink Floyd, Columbia
4. "Desire," Andy Gibb, RSO
5. "On The Radio," Donna Summer, Casablanca
6. "Working My Way Back To You-Forgive Me Girl," Spinners, Atlantic
7. "Yes, I'm Ready," Teri De Sario With K.C., Casablanca

8. "Him," Rupert Holmes, MCA
9. "The Second Time Around," Shalamar, Solar
10. "Too Hot," Kool and The Gang
8. "Fun and Games," Chuck Mangione, A&M
9. "Kenny," Kenny Rogers, United Artists
10. "Off The Wall," Michael Jackson, Epic.

LETTERS

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It all came in a neat little package labeled Foreign Aid. Yea, you know — military aid (guns, tanks, missiles, planes, etc.) and financial aid (millions and millions of dollars worth of it).

To who? Why, the poor deprived Shah of Iran, who else? The guy practically owned every major industry in the nation. And to put it bluntly he was murdering all of his nearest competitors and everybody else at that.

But where does greed become synonymous with Jim? In the oil fields, folks. Where else? With an energy problem on his hands,

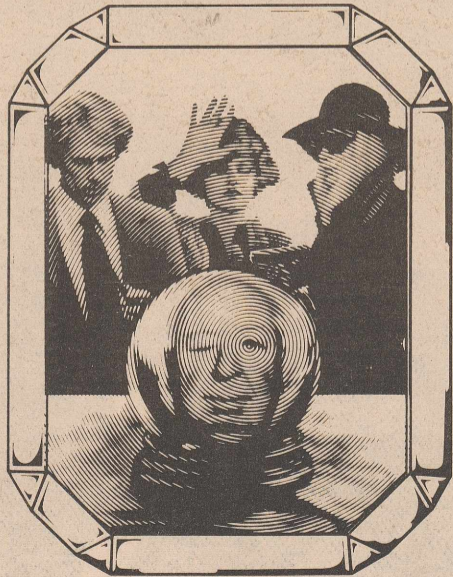
the last thing on Jim's mind was the people of Iran. Jim might be Baptist but he's still a good 'ole American boy!! There is greed written all over that horse-toothed smile of his.

Thanks to Jim, 3/4 of the nation thinks the only good Iranian is a dead Iranian and that we should blow Iran off the map.

I guess all of that schooling did pay off... there are times I don't believe there is one good honest soul in the entire country of Iran at all. And I'm sure they think the same of America. But we know different because everything we do is always right. HA! HA!

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Richardson Signs With Tulsa

by Gerald Colbert

Nolan Richardson, men's basketball coach and athletic director here, has signed a contract with the University of Tulsa in Oklahoma, effective 1980-81.

Richardson, along with three other men, were considered for the job. They were Lamar University coach Billy Tubbs, Arkansas assistant coach Pat Foster and Jack Mergenthaler, head coach at Western Illinois.

"I felt like they were going to offer it to me, otherwise they would not be having me come back a third time," Richardson said before leaving for Oklahoma.

"I will hate leaving Snyder

more than leaving El Paso, which was my home for 30 years," said Richardson. "But this is too great an opportunity to pass up. Most junior college coaches never have the opportunity to go straight to a major college as head (basketball) coach."

Richardson will replace Jim King, who resigned nine games before the end of an 8-18 season under pressure.

"I may be leaving Snyder," said Richardson, "but Snyder will never leave me."

According to Gil Swalls, sports information director at Tulsa, Richardson should take over immediately after the tour-

namment in Hutchinson. Coach Richardson will inherit a team that will return two starters.

J. Taschal Twiman, president of the University of Tulsa, said that Richardson's deal is a result of intensive effort by the search committee to find the most qualified to serve as basketball coach at the school.

"We are pleased and excited with his acceptance of the position," he said.

Tulsa is a member of the Missouri Valley Conference in which they came in eighth this year.

Both Twiman and Richardson declined comment on the terms of the contract.



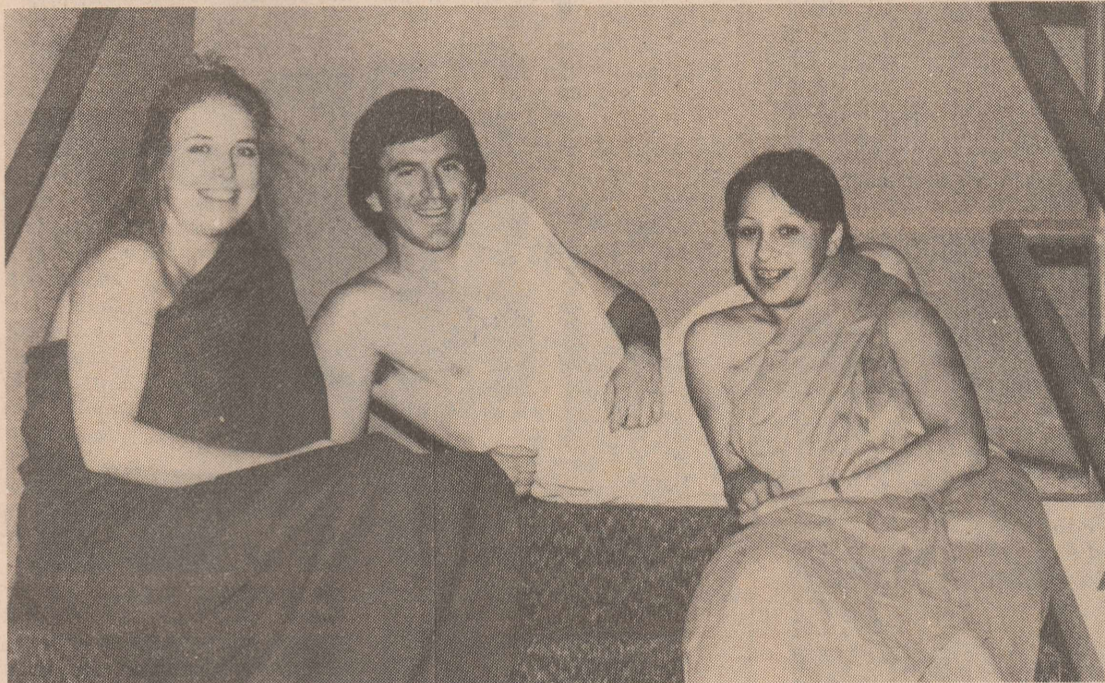
NUMBER 1 — Renae McBroom, Belva Marsh, Gina Willman, Tonya Porter and Lynda Cain display their support for the Westerners. (photo by Mark Rutherford)

Solid gold No. 1

The sign is No. 1 all the way displayed by the Western Texas College cheerleaders. They launched a "Solid Gold" No. 1 campaign to take with them on their way to Kansas next week for the National Tournament.

This and other projects by the

cheerleaders have been taking place since the season began leading up to the nationals. Signs and spirit boosters have been made and sold all season. Two pep rallies were given this season and support given to all of the sports.



TOGA ANYONE? — Tracy Watson, J.D. Sheffield and Sylvia Gaona are ready and waiting for the toga party. (photo by Tim Watson)

From the Bench

Fourth Title For Mohammed Ali?

by Gerald Colbert

Remember Ali? Yeh! Mohammad Ali, the only heavyweight in the history of boxing to win the title three times. Well, get ready and strap

yourself to your favorite chair, because "The Greatest" is once again ready to win the title back for the fourth time.

When big John Tate captured the WBA version of the

heavyweight crown, opportunity settled itself in the back of Ali's head. Why not, said a little man inside that slightly overweight torso of an ex-champion rejuvenated.

Ali, who regained the title from Leon Spinks in their rematch, also has his eyes set on a \$14 million pay check for fighting the young champion, Tate.

Another young fighter and champion was perhaps taken from the Ali mold, but maybe just a little too soon. He is welterweight champion Sugar Ray Leonard.

Leonard, who likes to use many Ali tactics in the ring, is undefeated as a pro, and is planning on having to fight Roberto Duran. Duran expressed his feelings in a press conference, saying that he feels he has something to prove by beating Leonard. He wants to prove that he is still perhaps the greatest boxer pound-for-pound to ever live.

If Leonard plans on keeping the crown, he'd better stay in tiptop shape, because Duran has a way of sneaking that left hook where it isn't wanted, in the opposition's face.

If I was going to bet, I'd have to put my money on Sugar Ray.

Museum Receives Accreditation

The Scurry County Museum on campus has been notified that it has received accreditation from the American Association of Museums.

Fewer than 500 museums in the United States have received AAM accreditation, Sharon Sutton, director, said. Museum accreditation certifies that the institution has undergone rigorous, professional examination by the AAM through the completion of detailed written materials and a visit by an accreditation team.

The building contains 14,000 square feet, with display areas on the ground floor and storage and work areas on the lower level. Exhibits in the permanent gallery trace the history of the area, and a variety of temporary exhibits are displayed in the multi-purpose room.

Open house for the building was held Aug. 25, 1974 and formal dedication ceremonies were held during the Bicentennial observance in 1976.

March is a busy month for the museum. Along with maintaining and operating the history of the Scurry County area, they plan to show Mrs. Ben Brock's fifth grade elementary class' exhibit, "Explorers," March 16-30.

"Explorers" delves into the past and future to introduce and explain the men and women that make its elitist ranks. Some subjects will be British and Spanish colonization, Western Frontier explorers, and modern-day explorers, astronauts and deep-sea divers.

Permanent displays of the county history are on exhibit. From early ages of man to modern Scurry County, they are kept preserved along with the technological advances of the times involved.

The museum is open each weekday and from 1-5 p.m. Sunday afternoons without admission charge.

Community Service Classes Offered

Several Community Services and Adult Vocational Education classes will start soon or are already in progress.

Counted Thread Needlework started March 8 and will meet again Saturday in the Needle Point shop in Cogdell Center with Dorothy Dennis as the instructor. Class hours are 10 a.m.-12 noon.

Scuba Diving will begin Friday and end March 21. Classes will meet from 6-10 p.m. each day. Fees will be \$80 per person, which includes air and tanks. Students will provide their own fins, snorkel, masks and scuba gear.

On March 22 and 23, students will go to Possum Kingdom Lake for an open-water checkout. Jerry Bell of Arlington, owner of the Texas Divers Co., will be instructor for the class.

Aviation Ground School classes started March 10. The classes meet Monday and Thursday nights from 6:30-9 p.m. through May 1 for a total of 40 hours of instruction.

Besides introducing students to the principles of flight, the course is designed to prepare students to help themselves

pass the FAA private pilot's examination.

Dr. Gene McClurg, Dean of Occupational Education and Technology, is the instructor.

Swimming classes for women and children will be starting March 24 with Carol Darby as instructor. Each class will be limited to 10 students. Fees will be \$35 per person.

Classes now scheduled are as follows: intermediate women, 5:30-6:30 p.m., March 24-May 12; beginning women, 5:30-6:30 p.m., March 26-May 14; beginning children, 5:30-6:30 p.m., March 25-May 13; and intermediate children, 5:30-6:30 p.m., March 27-May 15.



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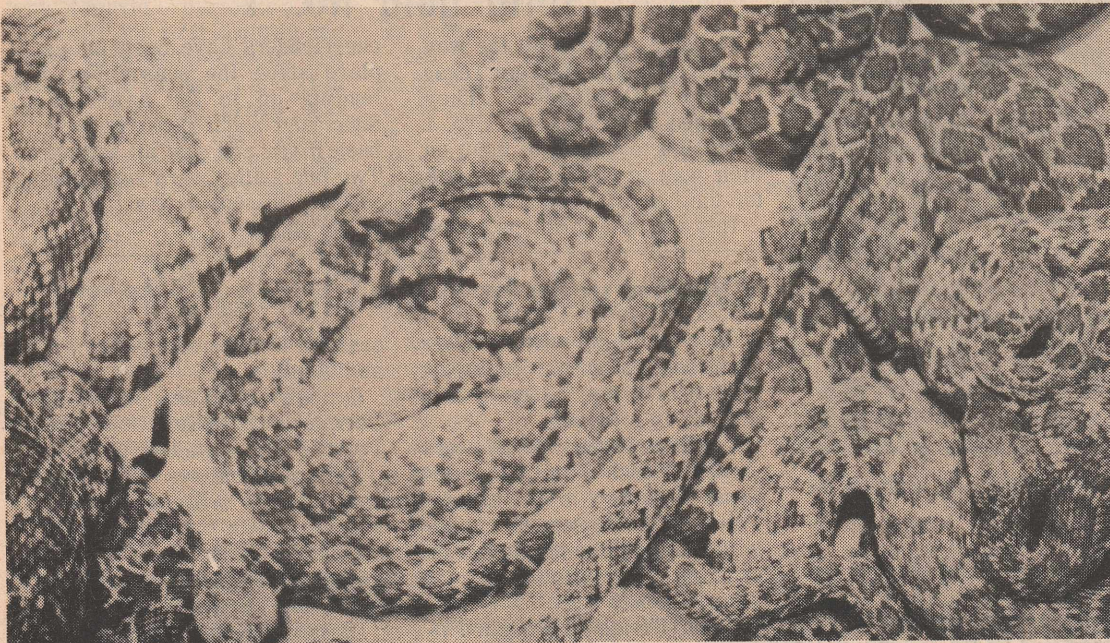
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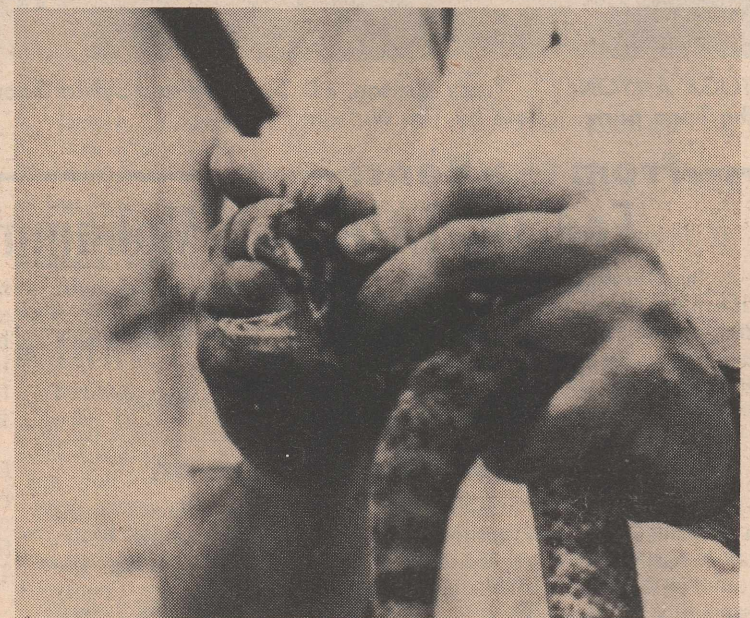
SIMMER DOWN — Courageous herpatologist shows how to calm down an overexcited King Cobra.



MILK? — Handler demonstrates the art of milking rattlesnakes.



SSSSSTTT! — Captured snakes are collected in a pit.



OPEN WIDE — Handler exposes the fangs of a four-foot rattler.

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Judo Team Captures Championship Trophy

by Linda Belvin

Western Texas College hosted both the Texas Collegiate Judo Championships and the Amateur Athletic Union Championship Qualifying Tournament on Saturday, March 8.

WTC captured the Collegiate Championships team trophy with a total of three first places, three second places and three third places in both men's and women's divisions.

Alaska sophomore Mark Thomas won first in the 172 lb. division. Ken Grimm, Abilene freshman, took second in the 156 lb. division and Colorado City freshman John Alvidrez placed second in the 209 lb. division. Anson sophomore Kenneth Levens placed second and third in the heavyweight and open divisions, respectively.

In the women's division, Alessandra Quiroz, freshman from Menard, took first in the 150 lb. division and Fluvanna freshman Claire MacGarrigle placed first in the 158 lb. division. Rotan freshman Carolyn Weems won third in the 114 lb. division and Nora Pina, sophomore from Crosbyton, placed third in the 123 lb. division.

Winners of the championships will be eligible to compete in the NJCPA National Judo Championship Tournament to be held in St. Louis, Missouri on March 29.

The AAU tourney was open to both collegiate and non-collegiate competitors. WTC procured four first places, a second place and two third places in men's and women's divisions.

Edward McCane placed first in the heavyweight division and

Johnny Elledge took first in the 189 lb. division. Alton Sutter placed second the 143 lb. division. Grimm won third in the 156 lb. division and Thomas took third in the 172 lb. division.

Weems and Quiroz placed first in the 114 lb. and 150 lb. divisions, respectively, in the women's divisions.

AAU winners will travel to East Lansing, Michigan, to compete in the Senior AAU National Judo Tournament during the third week of April.

Five members of the WTC Judo Team also took honors in the Texas Judo Black Belt Association Tournament held Feb. 23 in Houston.

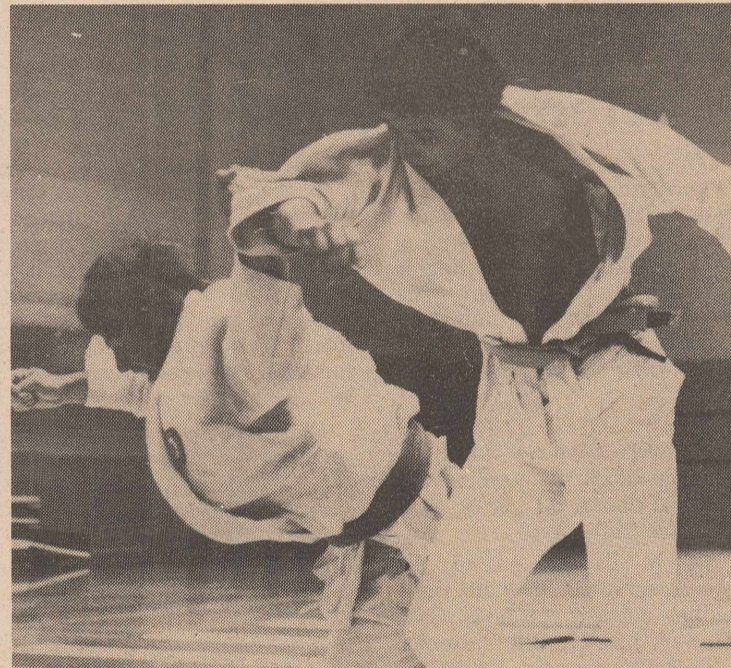
Thomas placed first in the 172 lb. division and Levens took first in the 189 lb. division. Second places were awarded to Grimm, 156 lb. division, Alvidrez, 180 lb. division, and Robbie Cole, 172 lb. division.



Dale Lehmen presents the third team championship trophy in a row for the WTC judo team to Dr. Shelby Hillis.



HEY, LET GO! — Ken Grimm prepares to throw a Beeville County Judoka. Above right: Kenneth Levens flies to the mat. (photos by Tim Watson)



Board Meets

WTC's board of trustees approved Monday small classes in occupational education and technology, required by the state. Also approved was the policy concerning use of physical education facilities on campus, amended to include use of handball courts.

Discussion and approval for the building of storage for golf carts to be placed on the site of the old tennis and handball courts were given consideration.

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Ladies Fashion Wear

Dusters Finish Season 26-10

by Tracie Gilstrap

Joe Cushing's Dusters finished the season on an unhappy note, falling to Weatherford, 97-89, in quarter-final action of the Region V Tournament in Big Spring March 6.

The referees blew their whistles 80 times, compared to the whistle-blowing last year, to knock out top players in the game.

The Dusters managed a 43-36 lead at halftime, and held it until 11:48 left in the game when the Coyotes came up with six straight points. WTC trailed from that point on, then tied the game at 81-81 on a bucket by Ginger Peden at the end of regulation time.

But the officials began to blow their whistles. With 3:30 left in the regulation time, Katie Fisher fouled out. One second later, Joyce Plagens got her fifth and Shari Teal was tagged with her final as the clock showed 37 seconds to go.

A year ago, the Dusters had foul problems but refused to give up. Peden slapped in two points. WTC went in front in the overtime period, 82-81, on a Peden free throw. But Weather-

ford came back with eight points.

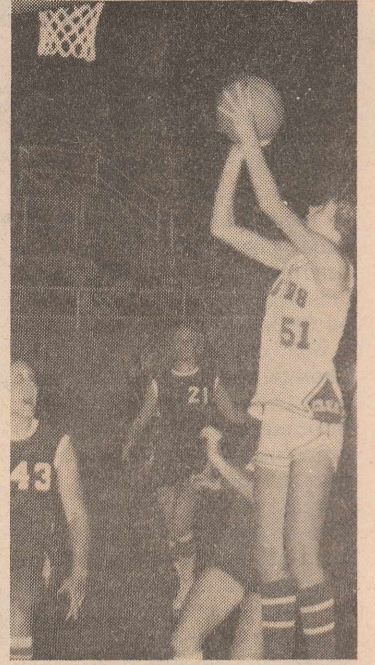
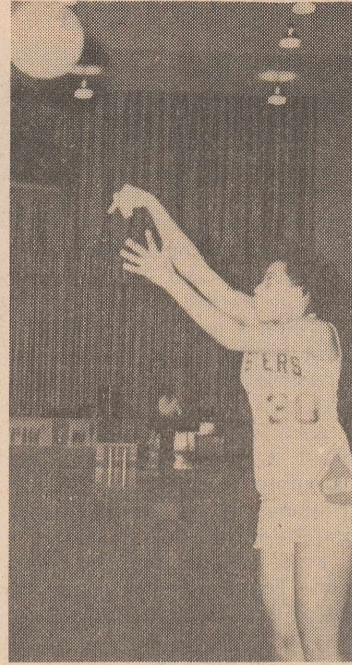
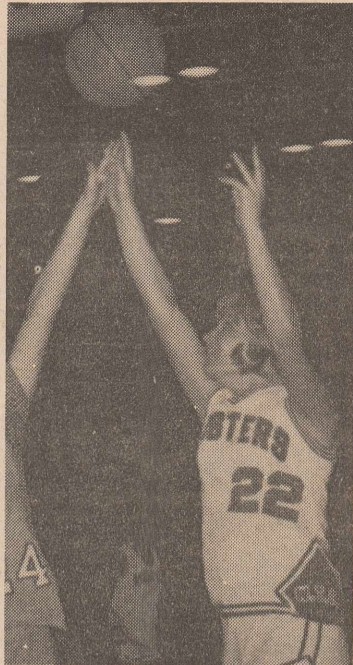
While Linda Holubec got her final foul, the Coyettes went in front, 91-82, before Jennifer Gregg scored both ends of a one-plus-one situation. Liz Hooper added another WTC bucket to cut the score to 91-86, but again Weatherford came back with six straight to take the game.

Dusters Delbra Ray, Bonnie Bludworth and Stella Bickley were added to the Duster bench, and Western Texas spent 13 seconds of the game with only four players on the court.

Holubec and Fisher led the scoring with 18 points each. Teal had 14 and Bludworth added 13. The Dusters tied or snapped 18 school records on their way to a 26-10 season.

Twenty-six wins added up to the most ever for a Duster team, plus most points in a single game and season, as well as a high average of 71.6 points a game were other team records set by the women.

Pam Holland, Duster trainer, stated, "I hated to see the year end this way but always look forward to next year."



Western Junior College athletic conference named (shown above) sophomore Joyce Plagens to the second team. Katie Fisher, sophomore, was named to the third team and Shari Teal, freshman, was given honorable mention.

Duster Records of the Year

by Tracie Gilstrap

TEAM
MOST SEASON VICTORIES
 TEAM: previous record, 23. **NEW RECORD**, 26.

MOST POINTS SINGLE GAME: previous record, 105. **NEW RECORD**, 106. (vs. Schriener)

MOST POINTS SEASON: previous record 2,195. **NEW RECORD** 2,812.

INDIVIDUAL
MOST REBOUNDS SEASON: previous record 280, Nodia Vaughn. **NEW RECORD** 329, Joyce Plagens.

MOST REBOUNDS CAREER: previous record 398. **NEW RECORD** 608, Joyce Plagens.

MOST ASSISTS SEASON: previous record 104, Cathy Minton. **NEW RECORD** 116, Katie Fisher.

MOST STEALS SEASON: previous record 105, Marilyn Payton. **NEW RECORD** 127, Joyce Plagens.

MOST STEALS CAREER: previous record 160, Marilyn

Payton. **NEW RECORD** 207, Joyce Plagens.

MOST POINTS CAREER: previous record 771, Cindy Luttrell. **NEW RECORD** 812, Katie Fisher.

MOST FREE THROWS ATTEMPTED ONE GAME: previous record 16, Theresa Beal. **NEW RECORD (TIE)** 16, Shari Teal (Murray State).

MOST FREE THROWS MADE SINGLE GAME: previous record 12, Theresa Beal-Nodia Vaughn. **NEW RECORD** 13, Shari Teal.

MOST FREE THROWS ATTEMPTED SEASON: previous record 156, Theresa Beal. **NEW RECORD** 195, Shari Teal.

MOST FREE THROWS MADE SEASON: previous record 104, Theresa Beal. **NEW RECORD** 143, Shari Teal.

MOST BLOCKED SHOTS SEASON: **NEW RECORD** 53, Shari Teal.

MOST FIELD GOALS ATTEMPTED SEASON: previous record 440, Cindy Luttrell. **NEW RECORD** 466, Katie Fisher.

MOST FIELD GOALS MADE SEASON: previous 208, Nodia Vaughn. **NEW RECORD** 215, Katie Fisher.

Golfers Take Fourth

WTC managed a fourth place finish among 16 teams competing in the Ft. Worth Southwestern Intercollegiate Golf Tournament.

The team from Snyder stroked the ball 601 times in 36 holes, 11 more than did the champions from Odessa College. Second place Texas Wesleyan University hit a 592 while third place Weatherford shot a 596.

The tourney was played at the par 72 Rockwood golf course in Ft. Worth.

Freshmen Chris Johnson and Jeff Wagner finished sixth and seventh, respectively, out of 80 golfers.

The next tournament action for the WTC golf team will be the Texas University Intercollegiate Tournament in Austin, March 13-14.

Westerners Down Midland

The top-rated WTC Westerners put two more regular season victories under their belts before heading toward Midland for the Region V NJCAA Tournament. The Snyder ballclub kept their no. 1 ranking after the two loop wins upped their season record to 30-0.

In the first game, the Westerners slapped a chip off of the 'ole block, in downing the Midland Chaparrals, 80-76, Feb. 25 in the Tall City.

David Brown paced the Westerners with 19 points, while pulling down 17 rebounds. Greg Stewart had 17, Bill Patterson penetrated the hoop for 12 and Phil Spradling, Franklin Bennett and Ronald Portee all put in 8 apiece. Paul Pressey pitched in 6 points.

Tate led Midland with 17, while Kenneth Young got 14 and

Charles Johnson hit for 12.

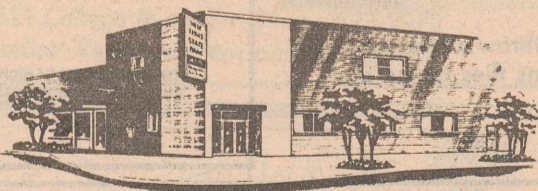
In the final regular season game, Feb. 28, South Plains hit Snyder with the idea of upsetting the Westerners, but their hopes were dashed when Pressey and Freddie Davis found the right distance hitting for 24 and 15 points, respectively.

WTC thrashed the Texans, 109-97. The "Green Machine" took an early lead and never let up, taking a 20 point lead at one time.

Brown also had 15 points, Portee was good for 12 and Spradling hit 11. The Texans' Ronnie Butler led all scorers with 27, while Jackie Avery notched 15.

The Westerners then headed for the Region V men's tournament in Midland's Chaparral Center.

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